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**IN COME THE ORDERS** — Here are Lars Andersen and Neal Welch, our Inside Sales staff, receiving and setting down the orders as they arrive. Price books, timetables, shipping schedules and all the rest must be instantly available. What with clanging phones and teletype and the pounding of typewriters this is a busy office.



Conferring with Howard Sherman is Walter Clark standing; Fred Crosier seated at the next desk. Left front is William Arnold and behind him and also behind the pipe is Odvar Ness.



**PAPER DIVISION** — Frederick Potter, paper department superintendent, center with his assistant William Shields go over the rush orders for the week. Alice Gomeau is checking off shipments.

## “ORDERS IS ORDERS” MEANS FAST ACTION



**HAT** makes the sun shine in North Adams? The answer for Sprague Specialties is just — Orders. Our real boss behind the scenes is Mr. J. Q. Public and the way we get a job from him is through some customer in Philadelphia, New York, Detroit, Chicago or other area where Sprague has its customers.

Orders mean pay-checks, so it is in far off Los Angeles or London or Chicago or in Philadelphia, wherever our customer may be, that the decisions are made that put us to work.

It's no secret when a Big Order comes into the plant. Word seems to travel through the factory by “underground telegraph”, the way the news that the principal has had twins goes through a high school auditorium.

“Andy” Andersen or Neal Welch of the inside sales staff takes the orders first. Orders come in via regular mail — air mail — telegraph — cable — long distance telephone — and company's teletypes, direct from the customer or from one of our Sprague sales representatives. Whatever the form, it is immediately written down on Andy's or Neal's big yellow pad. Prices are checked in the price files or by consultation with the Cost department on specials. The order is given to one of the girls who types up the order form for countersigning. On certain big orders, the call may go to R. C. Sprague. Whatever the source, however, the route through the factory is the same.

The extensive use of telephone, telegram or teletype is due to the urgent delivery requirements that are as much a part of our business as tires are part of an automobile. Instantaneous or near-instantaneous communication saves an average of two valuable days in shipment. The next stop is the Credit Department although this may be skipped with well-known customers.

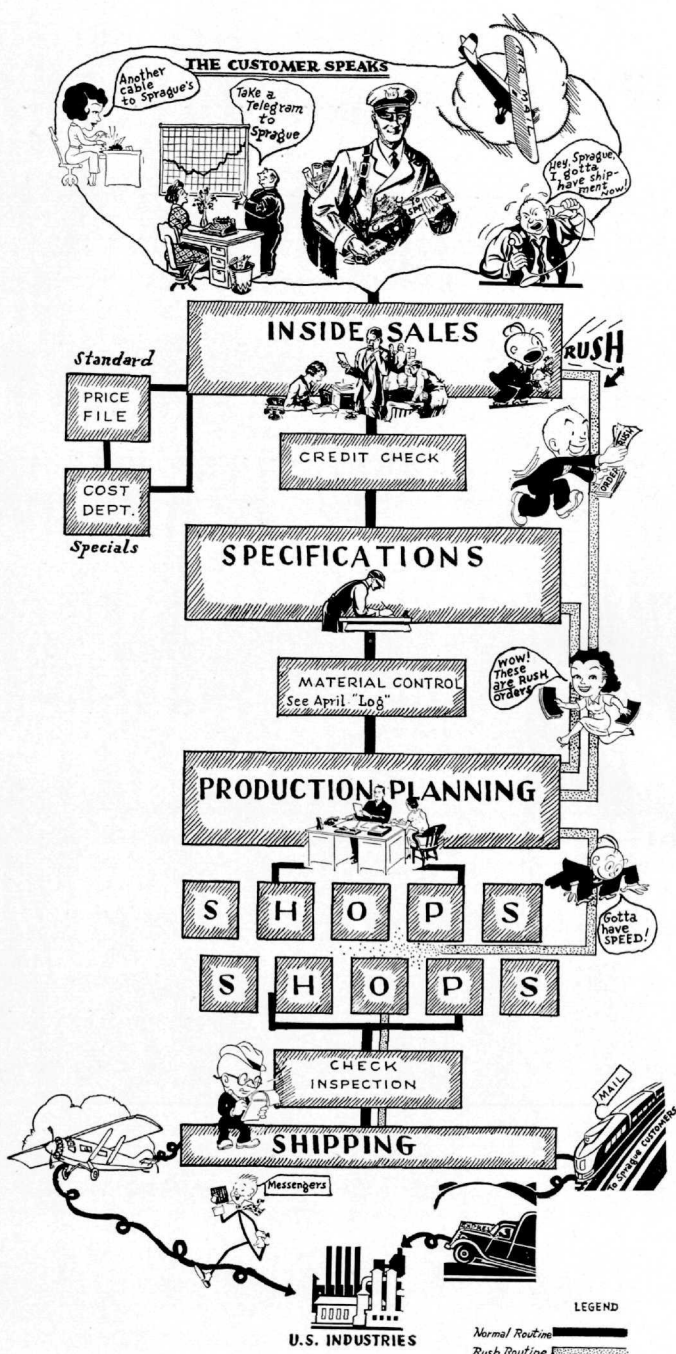
Don't get the idea that Inside Sales sits by the 'phone idly tapping their fingers on the desk. **AS MANY AS SIXTY ORDERS A DAY MAY COME IN FROM ONE CITY ALONE.** Frequently we will SWAP 10 to 15 TELEGRAMS WITH CHICAGO IN ONE DAY. Should you pass by the Inside Sales Office you might well see either Andy or Neal with a 'phone in each hand. Monday, by the way, is the busiest day of the week as the two day mail piles up over the week-end.

Nor is order-taking the only job of Inside Sales. Andersen and Welch are constantly supplying information on prices and quotations on new items. One of their most important functions is supplying information on deliveries. Actually, Andy and Neal are walking timetables.

What happened after “Mr. Order Comes to Town?” Following the credit check and price information, the Order immediately goes to *Walter Clark's office for Specifications.* These are immediately checked with Material Control as outlined in the last issue of the LOG.

Just how and when the order will be handled by the Shop is up to Production Planning which next takes hold with Fred Potter and Robert Teeple — heading up the

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Paper and Electrolytic Departments, each having a right hand "Bill"—Shields and Brundige—to help handle the master schedules and all the follow-up detail. Frank, Godsey has the "Yes" or "No" over the several Mica Assembly Departments with Fred Powers scheduling and following-up. This is naturally one of the most important steps between the incoming phone call and the shipping out of the finished product to the customer and is an "express" as well as a regular stop for all orders.

Specifications have been laid out, material located in stock or ordered and production planned. That means that the proper Shop is ready to go ahead with the job. Production in the Shop goes to work with the right materials and the right specifications and (to hark back to the Credit Department and the Sales Department) for the right people.

Is the product right? It's the job of the Check Inspection Department to find that out. This means a double check supplementing the many other inspections made during production. The shipment is crated and ready for the customer.

The roar of the fast express, the rumble of special delivery trucks, the whirr of the airplane and the occasional screech of tires as a special messenger drives off with an emergency shipment announce that another order of Sprague Specialties has been received, produced, and is on its way to the customer.

### A BUSINESS PUZZLE

One of the trends that has been puzzling business managements in the past year or so has been the decline in the size of orders that has resulted from more and more "hand to mouth" buying generally. The way this trend has shown itself at Sprague Specialties is shown by the following significant figures coming out of a check on the problem that we have just made beginning July 1, 1937 when our present numbering system was initiated.

Period	Average Size of Order
July 1 to Dec. 30, 1937	\$286.
12 months, 1938	182.
Jan. 1, 1939 to May 22, 1939	146.

What this means, not only to Sprague's but in all manufacturing organizations, is an increased cost of handling through the plant and indicates the necessity for utmost economy to offset not only this rising cost but the decline in sales prices which has taken place during the same period.

### A CUSTOMER IN A HURRY

Although a normal order requires careful checking, Sprague's is young and flexible enough to be able to rush orders through at high speed when an emergency situation exists, despite the fact that the overtime, etc. which this involves means higher costs for us.

Customers actually wait at train depots for our shipments. Wires are sent ahead giving the flight number and time of arrival and waybill on rush airplane shipments so that the customer's speed wagon can be at the depot to meet the plane. Occasionally we ship condensers by Pullman or have special messengers accompany the order on the express car to make certain that all vital transfers are made immediately.

An express shipment to Philadelphia, for example, requires transfers, at Greenfield, Springfield and New Haven. Each one of these transfers must be made without fail if the shipment is to be "on time".

On a rush order it is frequently possible for Inside Sales to route the order direct to Production Planning and then, without delay, relay the order direct to the shops, going into production within the space of a few hours. This can only be done on certain types of orders, however, where stock and specifications come readily to hand and when our current schedules permit.

### AN OPEN LETTER TO MR. EINSTEIN

Professor Albert Einstein  
Princeton, New Jersey  
Dear Professor Einstein:

The next time you are in North Adams we cordially invite you to visit Sprague Specialties. Not only will it be an interesting experience to visit the largest condenser factory in the world but we have one or two little problems we should like to have you ponder upon. Here's one:

It takes four days to manufacture a certain condenser.

It's Monday and the temperature of the air is 76 degrees fahrenheit. A customer calls us excitedly on the phone. He is located West of East Chicago.

Get this, Professor Einstein. He wants delivery on a shipment of those condensers Wednesday.

The square root of the blood pressure of the Production Department and the logarithm of the speed of light to the eighteenth power times North Adams 804 equals "X". What happens???

See you soon.

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P. S. We know the answer. The P.A. in Chicago got the shipment Wednesday.



### WORDS OF APPRECIATION FROM A CUSTOMER

The most frequent expression of satisfaction that we receive from our customers for jobs well done, or shipments made under difficult conditions, comes in the form of a reorder. Once in a while, however, some special situation, where Sprague people have worked at top speed and efficiency, brings forth a spontaneous and heartfelt word of commendation. That's why we are particularly proud to publish in the "Log", with the writer's permission, the following letter from our good friend, Sid Curtis, Purchasing Agent for Stromberg-Carlson Telephone Manufacturing Company:

October 18, 1938

Sprague Specialties Co.,  
North Adams,  
Massachusetts.

Attention of Mr. L. N. Andersen,  
Sales Department.

Dear Mr. Andersen:—

During the past few weeks, we have driven you pretty hard for deliveries, and it gives me a great deal of pleasure to write you today and thank you for the prompt service which you rendered to us on our Purchase Order.....covering compensator units, our..... We received the first thousand of these units the first thing this morning, and it is a life saver to us. Again thanking you for your splendid cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,  
S. H. CURTIS  
Purchasing Agent.

### ON MAKING SUGGESTIONS

A number of Sprague people have won pleasant additions to their pay checks through our suggestion system because of their inventiveness, imagination or ingenuity.

These local prototypes of Thomas Edison, Steinmetz, and Dr. Alexis Carrel have known that most suggestions involve:

- Making something safer.
- Doing something more efficiently.
- Doing something better.
- Saving raw material.
- Making production methods more convenient.
- Making a model more attractive to customers.
- Making the model more adaptable to different uses.

When you submit a suggestion, please be patient. Remember, there may be many reasons, — not reflecting on the worth of a suggestion, — which sometimes make it impracticable for us to adopt what at first seems like an excellent suggestion. Often cost prevents introducing many good suggestions.

Gentleman Jim Corbett, one time heavy weight champion of the world, once was asked what a man had to do to become a champion. His answer was, "Fight another round". So if your first efforts have not won suggestion prizes, follow Corbett's example and make another suggestion.

### ORDERS FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Sprague Specialties' Export Sales orders come through the office of our export sales representative, Walter McKim (See Sprague LOG, October '38). Many of the foreign orders are transmitted by cable. McKim attends to translations and to quota and tariff difficulties where they exist. His office also solves the intricate problems of foreign exchange, credits, "blocked" currency, etc.

Sprague Specialties are sold in practically all major countries of the world. Argentine, New Zealand, Australia and Borneo are samples of the countries we reach as "Sprague covers the world market."

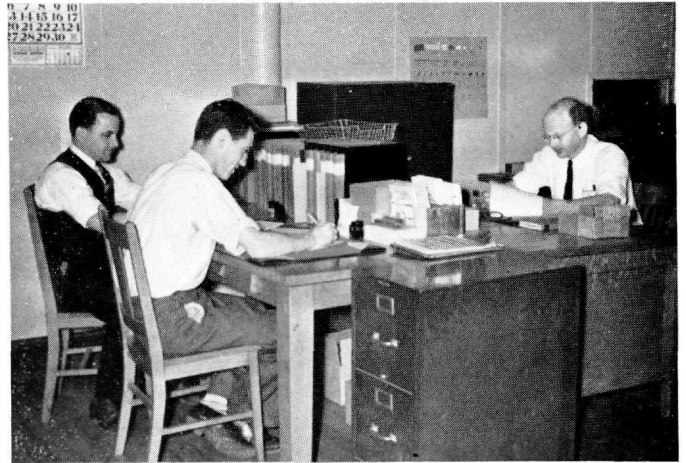
### SAYINGS FROM "POOR RICHARD'S ALMANACK"

Beware of little Expenses, a small leak will sink a great ship.  
Lost time is never found again.  
The Golden Age never was the present Age.  
The busy Man has few idle Visitors; to the boiling Pot the Flies come not.  
He that falls in love with himself, will have no rivals.  
There was never a good knife made of bad steel.  
If you know how to spend less than you get, you have the philosopher's stone.

Benjamin Franklin



ELECTROLYTIC DIVISION — Robert Teeple, divisional superintendent, working on production schedules front; while assistant William Brundige checks orders handed to him by Rachel Giroux.



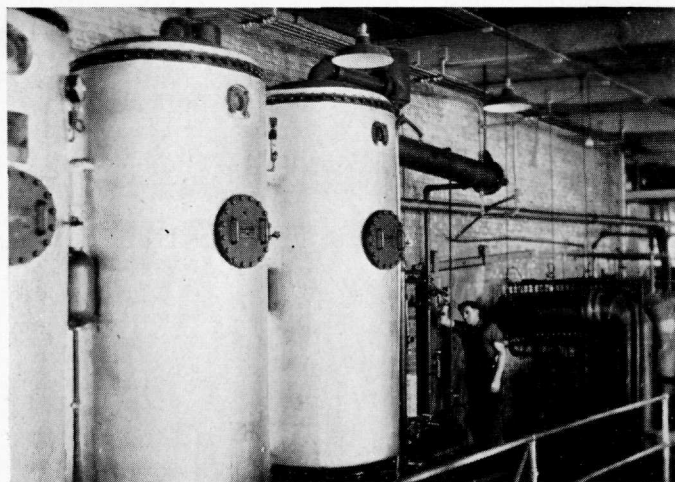
MICA PARTS DIVISION — Starting from the left William Turner consults with Fred Powers regarding material needed; on the right Frank Godsey checks some specifications.



THE SHIPMENT HAS GONE OUT — Here the girls get things ready for another day. They check shipments against orders to show the balance to be manufactured and shipped. In the foreground is Helen Albini; Mildred Satko is under the light. Third girl is Kathleen Bellows.



**HAPPILY MARRIED FOR 50 YEARS**—A fine picture of Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Chilson who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on May 26th. Chilson is boss carpenter at Sprague's and is on the job rain or shine. Both Mr. and Mrs. have kept their health and looks through the years as the picture shows. Photo by Randolph Trabold, North Adams Transcript.



Our Battery of Big Stills. Herman Schonfelder is the operator.



The Minstrel Boys—Shown in Williamstown where an encore was given: Robert Rothchild, of Williams, on top; Jerry Steinberg and Larry Laliberte; Wes Green in center, and "Benny" Benoit, Johnny Fortini and Ray Shea, standing.

### GOLDEN WEDDING DAY FOR CHILSONS

Friday, May 26th, was a notable date in the life of one of our employees. On that day Mr. and Mrs. Edward Chilson celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. They were married May 26, 1889 in Stamford, Vermont. Eight children were born to them, five of whom are now living. They also have 11 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Two sons, Frank and Clarence, as well as Mr. Chilson are on Sprague's list of employees.

Mr. and Mrs. Chilson were guests at receptions held in their honor by their children, grandchildren and neighbors. Both were congratulated over the Sound system in behalf of all Sprague personnel and songs befitting the occasion were played during the noon hour.

Seeing "Ed", as he is called by his fellow workers throughout the plant, one can imagine that he must have been a handsome bridegroom. (In fact we believe there are few, if any, in the plant who have anything on him for looks today).

The "Log" wishes to take this opportunity to congratulate Ed and Mrs. Chilson and to sincerely wish them every happiness in the years to come.

### TRIPS AND TIPS ON N. Y. WORLD'S FAIR

The purpose of this article is to endeavor to point out the interesting facts about the New York World's Fair. Before I touch on the Fair itself, let's consider one or two other important details, getting there and a place to stay.

If you drive, I would strongly advise you to park the car in the city, not using it to get to the fair grounds.

The second point is a place to stay. As far as I know, tourist and hotel accommodations in the vicinity of the fair, have been reserved far in advance. In my case I wrote to the William Sloane House, 356 West 34th St., New York City, which is operated by the Y.M.C.-A., to secure reservations. They will arrange for you to secure a satisfactory room in one of the "Y" buildings. The rates are \$1.00 to \$1.50 per person per day. Accommodations should be secured a week or two in advance. For accommodations for the girls I suggest you write the Y. W. C. A. Room Registry, Lexington Ave. and 53rd Street, New York City.

Now to get to the fair, here is my advice. From where ever you are in N. Y. C. take a subway to the Penn. Station from there you can reach the Fair in ten minutes for \$.10, using the Long Island Railroad. I might point out here that no matter how you want to get there, all you have to do is to follow the many orange direction signs placed at strategic points around the city.

Enjoying the fair to its maximum depends entirely upon the preparation you give to comfort. I found that comfortable clothes, depending upon the weather, heavy socks (preferably the woolen athletic type) and a well broken-in pair of sport shoes did the trick.

The admission to the grounds is \$.75. This fee entitles you to admission to every exhibit on the ground which are too numerous to describe. The price of \$.25 for admission to the perisphere is more than compensated for by the thrill of seeing a model city of the future.

### THE PICNIC SEASON IS ON!

The coming of the picnic season to North Adams reveals that Sprague people are in the heart of probably the most ideal picnicking country in the world. There are mountains, rivers, lakes, scenic drives and countless beautifully-kept picnic grounds in all directions.

All along the Mohawk Trail, in New Ashford, the summit of Mount Greylock and all through the southern part of the county the roving picnicker will find beautiful picnic grounds maintained by the Commonwealth. The state provides rustic benches, tables and fire places designed ideally for roast hot dogs, broiled steaks, roast corn and coffee to go with the sandwiches, marshmallows and other picnic delicacies.

For many Spraguers the ideal picnic ground is such as Taconic Park, Sunnyside and Mohawk Park. Here, in addition to the beauties of the woods, there are facilities for soft ball games, and refreshments may be purchased to suit the taste. Nor can we skip lightly over one of the most popular activities that nearly everyone of us enjoys, — frequenting the many pleasant roadside inns and taverns all over the county. Who doesn't like a pitcher or two, a couple of glasses, and a nickel or two for the music?

Visiting relations, and friends can be taken on many beautiful drives for which this section is famous. The Taconics and the Hoosacs are crossed many times by beautiful trails such as the Mohawk, Taconic, Berkshire, Knox, Lafayette, Crane, the Skyline Trails, and one ladder — Jacob's. A drive over these good highways in winter or summer will afford inspiring scenes comparable to any in the world.

### CARD PLAYERS, SANDWICH MUNCHER, ATTRACT CAMERA EXPERTS

Undaunted by the handicap of several weeks of sunless skies and poor lighting conditions, contestants in the first Candid Camera Contest came through with an interesting selection of angle shots and human interest portraits. Fritz Windover, "Cedo" Remillard and "Art" Caron proved to be the outstanding photographers in this contest, topping the dozen or so competitors who submitted prints of noon hour activities caught through the lenses of all types of cameras pointed into out of the way places around the plant.

It was not without a great deal of thought and consideration of such weighty factors as human interest, composition, lighting, focus and shading that the board of judges composed of Barbara Beebe, Fred Crosier and Wendell Smith reached their decision as to the winners. A number of pictures not receiving prizes also showed real merit and may appear in later editions of the "Log".

Fritz Windover's "Eight Hands Around a Cribbage Table" captured the first prize of \$5. Human interest and clarity are outstanding characteristics of the picture. Details of the players' hands, the grain of the wood and the figures on the cards stand out enough to be identified clearly without over-harshness.

"What a Mouthful" by "Cedo" Remillard, taken with a small camera was tops for humor and for catching the quiet, lackadaisical mood of the lunch hour. Here is a genuine case of sneaking up on the subject. It wins the second prize of \$3.

Third prize of \$1. went to "Art" Caron for another card-playing scene "I'll Take This Trick". Declared by the judges to be "the most natural picture" submitted in the contest it shows both action and concentration.

### BIRTHDAYS

#### Birthday Greetings to:

#### JULY

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|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Blanche Bissailon | 12. Rena Fachini     | 23. Barbara Boillat   |
| John O'Connell       | Eunice Moran         | Cecile Contois        |
| Irene Pikul          | Leon Pike            | William Foote         |
| Henry Senecal        | Ralph Sherman        | Kenneth Russell       |
|                      |                      | John Stockton         |
| 2. Gertrude Gentile  | 13. Rose Blair       | 24. Loretta Champagne |
| Daniel Kimball       | William Bolduc       | Beatrice Courtemanche |
| Fred W. King         | Adele Farinon        | Viola Dupuis          |
| Helen O'Connell      | Sylvia Kirby         |                       |
| Helen Searle         |                      |                       |
| 3. Marion Andrews    | 14. Edward Ducharme  | 25. Antonia Burro     |
| Winifred Edwards     | Hazel Gregory        | Harry Cassidy, Jr.    |
| Marion Murphy        | Laura Pierce         | Rita DeMarco          |
| Mary Rogge           | Frances Solari       | Roderick MacAlpine    |
|                      |                      | Adele Solari          |
| 4. Rose Chesani      | 15. Christine Robare | 26. Mary Bernard      |
| Helene Filiault      | Ernest Schonfelder   |                       |
| Rose Giacco          | 17. Mildred Clark    | 27. Flora Gaudette    |
| John Walsh           | Mildred Drobiak      | Ida Grenier           |
| John Waska           | Sophie Embry         |                       |
|                      | Susan Higgins        | 28. Mary Wakely       |
| 5. Mary Bartlett     | Leland Marshall      |                       |
| Wanda Dubis          | Walter Scott         |                       |
|                      | Alice Stevens        |                       |
| 6. Kathleen Bellows  | 18. James Scarbo     | 29. Marion Strange    |
| Mildred Jones        |                      | Estelle Wilson        |
| 7. James Fitzgerald  | 19. Esther Perrault  | 30. Eva Arrighini     |
| Minnie Plankey       |                      | August Lindquist      |
| 8. Edward Czaja      | 20. Norman Chenail   |                       |
| Emile Filiault       | 21. Edward Chilson   | 31. Lawrence Bishop   |
| Emma Marino          |                      | Beatrice Lampiasi     |
|                      | 22. Amelia Biondelli | Viola Lampiasi        |
| 9. Clara Perry       | Lawrence Brothers    | Stafford Lewis        |
|                      | Russell Comeau       | Goldie Minazoli       |
| 10. Francis Shea     | Anna Gorman          | Virginia Piaggi       |
|                      | Virginia Perrault    | John Puppulo          |

### THOUGHTS WHILE STROLLING THRU THE PLANT

Paper Assembly looks natural again since Mary Mancuso returned. Don't look now but "Jack Dempsey", the fellow in the lunch room who says he can take care of himself, has a long scratch on his shoulder.

The weather being so grand we strolled outside for a few minutes today. Couldn't help but notice how polite the Embry children are. — Laura Rivard also has some pretty fine youngsters.

How did the girls ever let an outsider get "Zig"?

We hear they are also letting another regular fellow get away. Lou Gazzaniga has been bitten by the aviation bug, not the love bug.

And then there was the department which thought that the contest was to see which department could raise the temp. on the contest thermometer fastest!

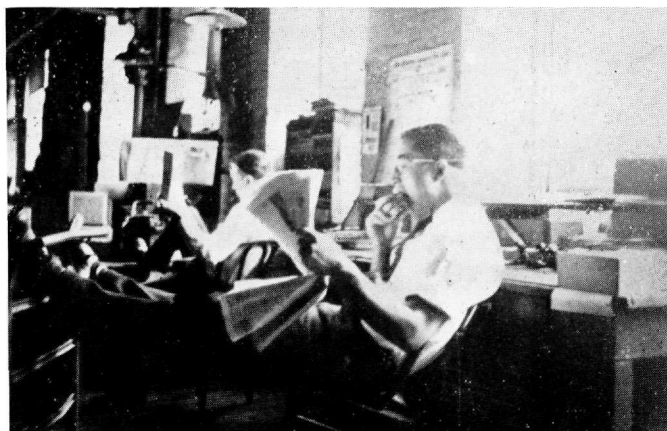
### SOLUTION

The Sprague people shown in the "Guess Who" picture published in the May "Log" were:

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|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Emma Underwood | 3. Jack Fleury                  |
| 2. John Murray    | 4. Sam Troia and his wife, Mary |



\$5 First Prize — Fritz Windover: "Eight Hands Around a Cribbage Table".



\$3 Second Prize — Cedo Remillard: "What a Mouthful".



\$1 Third Prize — Art Caron: "I'll Take This Trick".

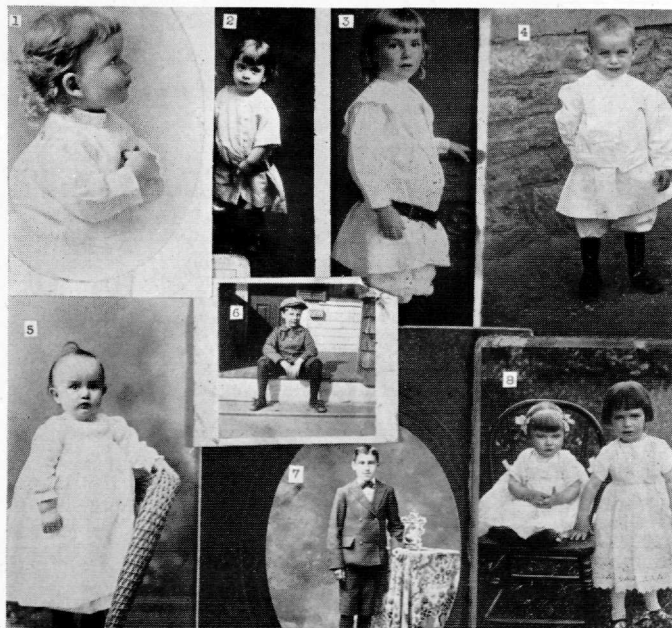




**THERE IT GOES** — A remarkable action shot taken by Wendell Smith of a motorcycle uphill race in Albany, April 30. Herb Reiber, daredevil from Chester, Pa., had just reached the top of the hill when his motorcycle flew out of control and went bounding off to left rear of this picture. Believe it or not, no one was injured.



Mary Comeau.



**GUESS WHO?**

We'll give you these clues:

**Photo 1.** — His first rattle was a condenser. (His hair curls on top now).

**Photo 2.** — This cute little fellow now works in Formation Dept.

**Photo 3.** — Always has a friendly greeting for everyone. Works in Sample Lab.

### VACATION CHOICES AT SPRAGUE'S

With the coming of warm weather, the fishing season and summer flowers and sports, the thoughts of Sprague people are wandering in the direction of a sail or a holiday resort. Booklets are out, maps are being studied and plans are being laid. Some fortunate vacationers probably have their summer camps or homes tucked away beside a lake or New England stream, — and others may take the longer trip to the Seacoast either on Long Island Sound or Boston's north or south shore.

Lake George, Saratoga Springs, — and various lake resorts in New Hampshire like Sunapee, Winnepesaukee are popular for those who like fresh water swimming and a chance at canoeing. For quick week-ends there is plenty of mountain climbing near North Adams and further north in Vermont's green mountains.

The tremendous increase in the number of tourist cabins available in all sections has greatly increased the number of potential stopping places. Poultney, Vermont; Claremont, N. H. and Petersham, Mass. are all about an easy two hour drive from North Adams.

For those who plan to go further afield, it is possible to reach Montreal or St. Johns or visit Lake Memphremagog in a one day trip, — also practically any accessible part of Lake Champlain. The same radius more than includes beautiful Lake Ossipee and Chocorua Mountain in New Hampshire.

Attractive resorts on the Cape are Falmouth, Barnstable, Bourne and Hyannis. It is possible to take the boat from Boston to picturesque Provincetown or to go from New Bedford to either Martha's Vineyard or Nantucket Island. Swimming is excellent and the Cape section is almost always assured of a cool breeze. Boston itself, of course, has perhaps more beaches nearby than any other city of its size in the country. North Adamites with a bit of old salt in their veins can get a bit of sailing by going north of Boston to Swampscott or Marblehead or South to Plymouth, Duxbury or other Cape summer resorts.

### MARY COMEAU

Among the pioneers of Sprague's and one of the most familiar faces in the organization is Mary Comeau of the Paper Rolling Room. In point of service she was one of the first ten employees and so automatically becomes one of the charter members of the Sprague personnel. Mary was hired in March 1926 and except for a two year leave of absence has been with us ever since.

You can find Mary in the fast moving paper division where she is assistant to the foreman and helps start the paper condensers on their way thru the plant. Her experience and observation of the progress of rolling condensers throughout the years has given her a keen knowledge of the various problems involved and consequently there is little Mary does not know about the intricacies of the various rolling problems.

She is happily married to Russ Comeau of the Impregnating Department. They have a daughter, Mary. The Comeau home on Wesleyan Street is often the scene of a real Sprague party. Both she and Russ are always among those present at the various Sprague affairs.

Mary has many interesting stories to tell of the early days of Sprague's in Quincy and we can gather from them they had just as many laughs and worked just as hard as the gang does now.

### SOFTBALL TEAM PLAYS TO BIG SCORES

There is nothing small about the ambitious Sprague Softball team now playing in the Northern Berkshire Softball League. After opening against the Olympians in a disastrous 13 to 3 defeat, the Spraguers rallied royally to overwhelm the Moose 13 to 0. Shortly thereafter the Spraguers toppled the North Adams Gas Company again by the lopsided score of 18 to 7.

Hungry for exercise, the Softballers have shown gains outside the League and in a recent practice tilt with the Sox Tavern, the condenser boys won by 5 to 3.

With what is apparently an irresistible gang of hitters, the Sprague team issues a challenge to any group or department inside the plant. Already they have conquered the team from Dry Formation by 14 to 10 and Paper Assembly by 16 to 7.

The regular Sprague Products batting order is:

1. David McLelland S.S.; 2. Clarence Dean C.F.; 3. "Hank" Gamari 2nd; 4. "Bill" Landry R.F.; 5. George Scarbo C.; 6. Francis Blanchard S.F.; 7. Lloyd Bullett 1st; 8. Ray Faucett 3rd; 9. Kenny Russell L.F.; 10. George Roy P.; Subs: Sylvio Gamari, George Beverly, "Cedo" Remillard, Busby Williams, Jack Washburn.

**Photo 4.** — Now works in Sample Dept.

**Photo 5.** — Known to everyone who attends Sprague parties.

**Photo 6.** — Now works in Maintenance Dept.

**Photo 7.** — Really has a name though even in his biography his nickname was used.

**Photo 8.** — Two of four sisters that work in the plant.

## VACATIONS AND TRIPS

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sweeney and Lea Desrosiers spent the week end of May 27 in New Haven, Conn., and Boston.

Robert Clark (Machine Shop) enjoyed the week-end of May 27 at his home in Portsmouth, N. H.

Donald Meiklejohn (Methods), Ralph Boisjolie (Drafting), Harry Haskins (Receiving Room), and James Fitzgerald (Sample), attended the World's Fair from May 27 to May 31.

Eugene Marceau and Andrew Montgomery of Boxing Dept., Walter Rohane, Alfred Bergeron and John O'Leary of Paper Assembly, attended the 500 mile auto race in Indianapolis, Ind., on Memorial Day.

Irene Charron (Paper Assembly) spent May 26 to 31 in Providence, R. I.

Herman Archambault (K.V.A.) took his vacation the week of May 30.

William Shields (Paper Division) had his annual vacation the week of May 15.

Sophie Embry (Paper Assembly) chose the week of May 29 or her vacation.

Among the fishermen reporting good catches are Bob Boyer, Teddy Blair, Earl Strange, Jack Sullivan, Harold Brown, Jimmy Mancuso, Donald MacGillivray, Fred Powers, Frank Bernarço, Rita DeMarco and Mary Bellows.

Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Blair, Mr. and Mrs. Rod MacAlpine, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Mancuso, and Helen Searle spent the week-end and holiday camping at Windsor Jams in Plainfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Crosier spent the week-end of May 13th in Utica, N. Y., visiting former local residents.

Katherine Oldham of the Main Office took the first week of May as her vacation, spending a portion of same in Albany, N. Y.

Melvin Lillie (Boxing) left May 24th for a trip to Duluth, Minn.

Those taking the week of June 5 as vacation week included: William Bolduc (Laboratory), Roland Bartlett, Sr. (Machine Shop), Gladys Ethier (Boxing), and Thomas Martin (Boxing).

Mr. and Mrs. Jules Pedrin (Paper Assembly), Rita Del Ponti (Paper Rolling), Victor Pedrin (Paper Test) attended the World's Fair Memorial Day.

Now that warmer weather is here many outings are being planned. A group of girls from the Office, Boxing, and Oven Departments hiked up Greylock Mountain one Saturday.

The Assembly group in the Paper Department held a hot dog roast, June 6, at Taconic Park in Williamstown and the Soldering group of the same department held one June 8, at Windsor Lake.

## PERSONALS

Dorothy Hennessey (Sprague Products Office) was operated upon in Plunkett Hospital in Adams, May 27.

Philomena Bernardi (Paper Rolling) and Gertrude Lefebvre (Paper Assembly) are convalescing following operations.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mathews (Mary of Mica Dept.) celebrated their 18th wedding anniversary May 30.

Joe Fitzgerald's pigeons were in the second scheduled race of the North Adams Pigeon Club, May 27. This race was from Grand Central Station in New York City to North Adams. The Airline distance is 142 miles — Joe's birds time was 1276.1 yards per minute.

## NEW SON

May 26. To Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lefebvre. Mother is Mae of Paper Assembly.

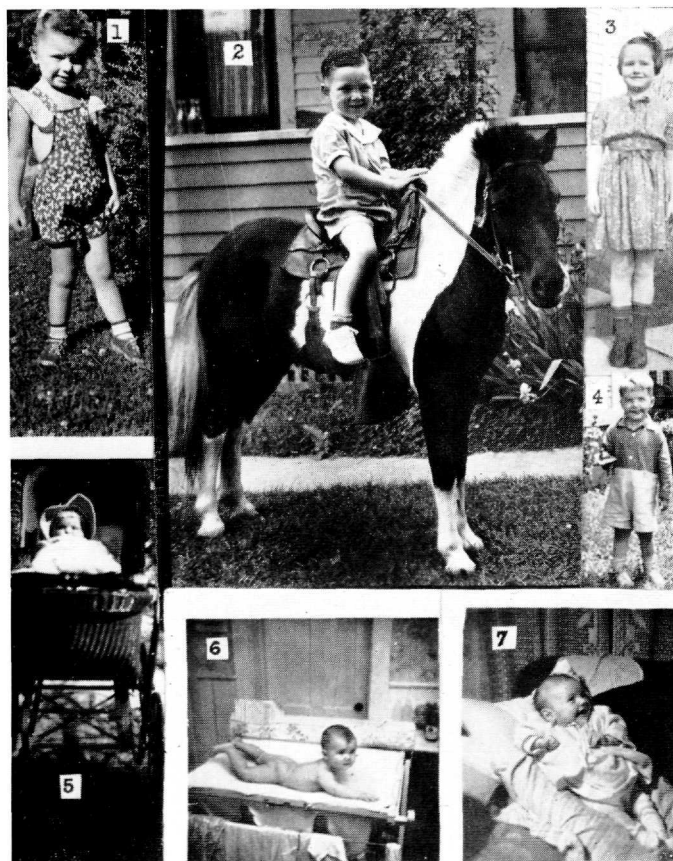
## NEW DAUGHTERS

May 23. To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Leveille. Arthur was formerly of Etching Dept. and Mrs. Leveille worked in Paper Rolling.

June 4. To Mr. and Mrs. Walter Duquette. Walter works in Final Test and the mother was Doris Labonte of Mica.



SET 'EM UP IN THE OTHER ALLEY — The sure-handed and sure-footed Sprague bowlers wind up the season with a real banquet. A scene taken by Fred Crosier.



1. Barbara Green, daughter of Wesley (Final Test) and Ethelyn, formerly of Mica.
2. Danny Thorton, Tuffy Rondeau's pal. Danny has lived with Mr. and Mrs. Rondeau since he was a baby.
3. Lois, daughter of Mr. Pike (Methods Dept.).
4. George, 3 year old son of George Senecal (Dry Formation).
5. Nancy Jane, daughter of Sophie Embry (Paper Assembly).
6. Sheila, 6 months; daughter of Janet Pratt (Rolling Dept.).
7. Marlene Ann Boillat, daughter of Woodrow (formerly of Impreguating) and Barbara (Paper Rolling).



**BLISS-DAVISON.** Dorothy Davison (Impregnating) to Clarence Bliss. No date for the wedding has yet been set.



### MARRIAGES — RECENT AND COMING

**SOLARI-KENDRICK.** Frances Kendrick (Paper Test) to Armond Solari at St. Francis Church, May 15.

**LINCOLN-MAZZA.** Christine Mazza (Paper Assembly) to Julius Lincoln at St. Anthony's Church, May 20.

**GAJDA-ROY.** Helene Roy (Boxing) to Walter Gajda at St. Francis Church, May 30.

**DORST-ELLIOTT.** Stanley Dorst (Laboratory) to Caroline Elliott on May 27.

**HERZIG-PONTI.** Katherine Ponti (Boxing) to Kenneth Herzig on June 3.

**MESSINA-LUCZYNSKI.** Mary Luczynski (Paper Test) to John Messina on June 3.

**NAZZEWSKI-HOPKINS.** Zagamond Nazzewski (Chemical Control) to Faith Hopkins at Baptist Church, June 10.

**SCARBO-O'LEARY.** Margaret O'Leary (Paper Test) to George Scarbo (Can Shop) at St. Francis Church on June 10.

**BERGERON-DUVAL.** Paul Bergeron (Oven Dept.) to Dorothy Duval at Williamstown, Mass., June 17.

**MASELLI-PITANIELLO.** Eugenia Pitaniello (Boxing) to John Maselli on June 24.

**BOURRIE-PINSONNEAULT.** Leonard Bourrie to Bertha Pinsonneault, this month.

**LaBEAU-TRIMARCHI.** Nancy Trimarchi (Paper Rolling) to Francis LaBeau at St. Anthony's Church, July 1.

**FORGEA-TOURJEE.** Mildred Tourjee (Paper Rolling) to George Forgea, in July.

**SHIELDS-RICE.** John Shields (Mica) to Mary Rice at St. Francis Church, July 1.

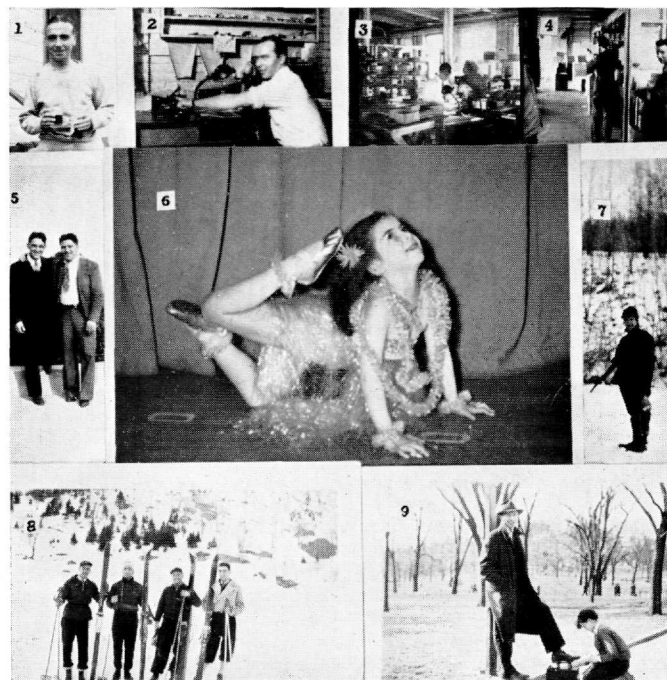
### CROSS-WORD PUZZLE DEFINITIONS

#### ACROSS

- 5 What Mr. Sprague calls his condensers.
- 9 They do it in Boxing Dept. and in Paper Assembly.
- 10 What Danny did to the foil.
- 11 She is a popular girl in Paper Assembly.
- 12 What Cutler's room does.
- 16 One of our customers.
- 18 What Charlie does in Fleury's room.
- 19 Has been transferred to office.
- 20 Husband of 31 (No, he isn't a Mormon).
- 24 She is a clerk.
- 25 The oldest employee—in length of service.
- 26 He went from first floor to top floor.
- 27 "Him with the watch".
- 28 A "Sampler".
- 29 Sounds like a bake shop.
- 32 Dept. responsible for 'no squint, no squat, no stoop'.
- 33 He said he took a lot of inventory at Xmas.
- 35 Sometimes it is a little sunshine and sometimes it is a foreman.
- 37 Sam and Mary —
- 38 It is spelled the same backwards—girl's name.
- 40 Paper Division—Operated upon in Feb.—Also state of happiness.
- 41 He kept a secret from June to December.
- 42 28 would like some new ones to play.

#### DOWN

- 1 What they do in Rod's Room.
- 2 What we want more of for the LOG.
- 3 He was so little they had to build an annex for him.
- 4 Where they put 3.
- 6 Three in the shop—one in pretuner, one in maintenance, and one in the office. (name).
- 7 What this puzzle was made for.
- 8 He operates a Tab Stitching Machine.
- 9 About the tallest man in the plant. (First name).
- 13 What some do in the Boxing Dept.
- 14 Most of us own one and it has a condenser in it.
- 15 His picture was in the Jan. issue. (Name). Also last issue.
- 17 "The Elderly Gentleman" (correct spelling of first name).
- 18 Mary's sister in boxing (nickname).
- 19 "Dot" to us.
- 21 Our President. (first name).
- 22 An employee in mica—not a name.
- 23 K.V.A. employee (nickname).
- 25 She takes tickets if Jack is out.
- 26 The wettest "Dry Dept." in the plant.
- 27 He goes trucking every day.
- 28 28 across makes it three times a day.
- 30 What they do with Hank's condensers.
- 31 Another Sampler (last name).
- 34 Belonging to Fred.
- 36 He doesn't call them 'Specialties' when he sells them.
- 38 Can Shop (Paint Division) bowler (first name).
- 39 He seldom misses a party (office).



### ABOUT THE SNAP-SHOTS ABOVE

1. Ernie Haley (Shipping Dept.).
2. "Rudy" Drobiak (Can Shop).
3. George Benoit (Mica).
4. Informal shot of Fred Crosier taking a picture. At right is Walter Carpenter. Taken by Edgar Remillard.
5. Jack Sullivan and Henry Senecal; two "old timers" in the Wet Assembly.
6. Joan, daughter of Jack (Final Inspection) and Felicia (Pretuner) Fleury. Joan did an Hawaiian dance at the Minstrels.
7. Joe O'Brien (Check Inspection).
8. Left to right: John Camadine (Lunch Room), Eddie Goodman (Methods), Rod MacAlpine (Paper Assembly), Jimmie Fitzgerald (Sample).
9. Louis Gazzaniga (Chemical Control), the fellow who is looking for expert advice as to whom is the best all-round-girl in the plant.

